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TAC Minutes, 08/10/2011

Town of Arlington

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of 8/10/11, 7:15 pm to 10:00 pm, Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conf. Room.

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

Members and Associates Present: Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Wayne Chouinard, John Lentz, Jeff Maxtutis, Howard Muise, Scott Smith, Richard Turcotte, Laura Wiener.

Missing Members and Associates: Jean Clark, Andy Machado, Steve Kurland, Corey Rateau, Ed Starr.

Visitors Present: none

1. Public Comments. None.
2. Administration.
 - a. Minutes of 7/13/11 were approved as amended, unanimously.
 - b. Correspondence and other handouts were reviewed. It was agreed to keep the meeting night the same for the coming year (2nd Wednesday).
3. Town reports.
 - TAC has in the past applied for Capital Plan funding for sidewalks. Laura will check on status of past requests.
 - Wayne submitted a written report. Thermoplastic installation coming soon.
4. Brunswick Road (private way). Town cannot implement traffic changes. Howard thought it looked too steeply graded for physical barriers.
5. New Thompson School. Recommendations for transportation forwarded to Thompson School Rebuild Committee.
6. New Traffic Grant. Police Department received a pedestrian and bicycle safety grant for education and enforcement. TAC is looking for funding for flags.
7. Hardy School Recommendations. Approved by Selectmen. Mailing to Hardy parents going out Monday with new drop-off protocol.
8. Mass. Ave. Corridor. Tony, Jeff, Wayne, Ed, Howard and Scott have been meeting with FST about queue length at Linwood signal. Still awaiting response. Laura will follow up. Landscape Plan was presented to Review Committee and area businesses in late July for comments. Project was bumped to 2013 TIP (Transportation Improvement Program). When it was on 2012 budget, needed to be advertised for bid by September 30, 2012. On 2013 TIP, must be advertised between October, 2011 and September 2013. It could end up not delaying the project at all. Next step is that 75% design to be submitted to MassDOT in early fall.
9. Hubway Bike Sharing Program. Scott reported that Bike Sharing program launched in Boston, soon to be expanded to Cambridge and Brookline. Would like to ask the Town to consider leaving room for bike stations in Arlington. Needs about 41' x 6'. Suggested locations at Grafton Street angled parking area and small parking lot at Lake St. and bike path.
10. Schools.
 - a. Stratton. Request for sign indicating "Staff Parking Only". Wayne will follow up.
11. Mass/Water/Spengler. Ask Corey for report at next meeting. Suggestions to remove date on sign, add more signage, including electronic sign.
12. Town Day. Suggestions: flags display, Traffic Jeopardy.
13. Route 77 Bus Improvements. A revised plan was distributed to Planning for comments. One more revised plan will be drafted, for public meeting in September.
14. CLAMP. Moved to 2013 TIP. A number of proposed designs were presented to the Working Group by Howard/Stein-Hudson, but not yet ready for public presentation.
15. Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting packet for June: Agenda, 8/10/11; Draft Actions from 7/13/11 TAC Meeting; Minutes of 7/13/11; Memo from Marie Krepelka to TAC Re. Hardy School: School Zone and Parking Changes, dated July 22, 2011; Email from Rose Casazza to Ed Starr Re. Traffic Supervisors, dated July 21, 2011; "Possible Stuff to have for Town Day"; Email from Peter Nonni to Ed Starr Re. Mass/Water/Spengler, dated 8/6/11;
- Arlington TAC Meeting, Brunswick Road, August 10, 2011
- Memo from Wayne Chouinard to TAC Re. Update Items, dated 8/10/2100

